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In re Application of:

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**AMENDMENT; AND RESPONSE TO
FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 13, 2002**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. A response to the First Official Action dated August 13, 2002 ("the Action") is also timely submitted, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the remarks therein. All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and re-examination and reconsideration is respectfully requested on this basis. The response is timely in light of the enclosed request for extension of time and appropriate fee.